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Five City Officials Named in \$100-million Lawsuit



Mayor Beverly McAnally

By Kristi Stephens

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), in its continuing battle against the City of Romulus for the right to operate its already constructed deep injection well, has joined Remus Joint Venture (RJV) in bringing a \$100-million civil lawsuit against Mayor Beverly McAnally, Building Department Director Dave Paul, Mayor Pro Tem Mary Ann Banks, and City Councilmen Randy Gear and Bill Wadsworth.

The suit, which was filed in federal district court on January 27, charges the five, jointly and separately, with:

- "deprivation of procedural due process of law, failure to provide plaintiffs (EDS and RJV) with adequate notice and to afford plaintiffs its right to be heard and to utilize the in place procedures to contest or change zoning in violation of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C.A. §1983, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution";
- "deprivation of substantive due process of law, vagueness, unfairness, and unreasonableness in violation of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C.A. §1983, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution";
- "deprivation of equal protection of law in violation of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C.A. §1983, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution"; and
- "conspiracy to interfere with civil rights in violation of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C.A. §1985."

The suit asks that the plaintiffs be awarded damages in the amount of \$3 million (the amount that has been invested in the well project thus far); spe-

cial damages in the amount of \$100 million (for lost profits that will be sustained if they are delayed in using or lose their well); and court costs, legal fees, expenses, and interest, as well as such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Copies of the lawsuit have already been turned over to the City's legal counsel for review, according to Councilman Wadsworth.

Among the specific allegations spelled out in the suit were:

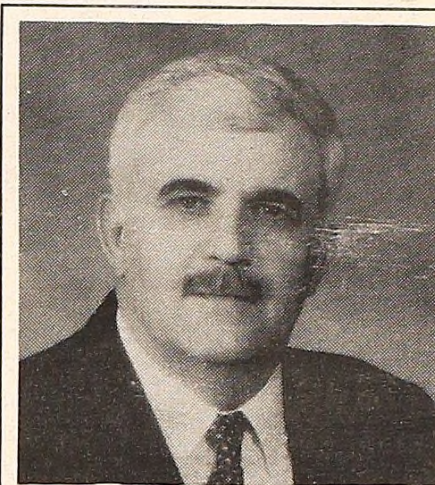
- that, in November 1990, McAnally told EDS owner and president, Douglas Wicklund, and his then-business associate, Robert Ryan, that the Ryznar property site chosen for the well was a good site, because "it was so remote";
- that when City Council voted to rescind an earlier resolution – which stated, in part, "... the City Council of the City of Romulus acknowledges the permitting and regulatory responsibilities of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Natural Resources for approval of siting and monitoring of construction and long-term operation of the proposed facility, and will abide by the findings of these two agencies where not in conflict with local laws and regulations and not preempted by State and Federal law. . . ." – it did so, according to an August 28, 1991 letter from Mayor McAnally, *only* "due to changes in the corporate entities involved";
- that the first time any suggestion was made that the site was improperly zoned was almost two months after the well had been fully drilled, when Dave Paul contended that the well was not a permitted use in the M-1 zoning district where the Ryznar property is located, but rather is a permitted use in the MT-2 zoning district; and
- that when Wicklund called McAnally to ask why three appearance tickets, each having the purpose of stopping the well project and alleging separate criminal violations of the City Zoning Ordinance, had been issued (again, almost two months after the well had been fully drilled, and just before the November municipal election), she stated that they were a mere formality to protect her constituency on the Council: "Doug,

you have to let us beat you up a little on this – I'm worried about my constituency on the Council."

"This is an action that has been pending for several months but we have been holding back, hoping for a settlement with the City," said Wicklund. "Over the past couple of years, my staff and I have made many friends among the citizens of Romulus, and we feel that we have become a part of the community." Wicklund stressed that his lawsuit is against the five individuals named, not the City itself. "We regret having to result to such drastic measures to secure and protect our rights, but the City's refusal to even negotiate with us has left us no choice.

"Our lawsuit is well documented," Wicklund continued, "and we intend to prevail."

When asked for her reaction to EDS' allegation that her actions in this matter have been inconsistent, unfair, and politically motivated, McAnally would only say that she will "respond to the charges in Court," where she intends to "defend herself vigorously." McAnally also had little to say regarding how she intends to pay for her defense and the damages (if any) for which she is found liable. Specifically, when asked whether she would be using, or was even entitled to use, the City's legal counsel (for her defense), liability insurance (maximum of \$10 million), and/or taxpayer dollars (to pay any damages not covered by insurance or in excess of the \$10-million maximum) for this lawsuit, she replied that she was "unsure of the details,"



Councilman Bill Wadsworth

which she was "still investigating."

Councilman Wadsworth, who said that he "would expect" the City to defend him, is also unsure of the financial or procedural specifics which would be involved. However, if investigation reveals that the decision rests with the City Council, he said that he will not abstain from any vote which would pertain to spending City money for the defense of, or payment of liability damages for, himself or any of the other four parties. "I do not believe that it would be a conflict of interest for me to vote on funds for my defense," he asserted.

Also contacted for statements were Mayor Pro Tem Banks and Councilman Gear, but both declined to comment.

Rumors that other lawsuits may be filed with regard to people involved in or matters related to the conflict between the City of Romulus and EDS remain unconfirmed. □

Chamber Names Person of the Year



Harlan D. Whichello – pictured here, third from left, along with (from left) Jason Lovette, Mark Lewkowicz, Harlan's wife Sharon, Gary Sampson, and Larry Williams – was recently chosen by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce as the group's 15th Annual Person of the Year. (For story, see page 3.)

A Tribute to William Faust



William Faust

By Barry Baumann

As I write this, I still cannot comprehend the loss of my dear friend of 26 years, William Faust. It just seems impossible that he could be gone so soon.

Unlike most citizens, I had the privilege of seeing both the public and private side of the former State Senator. There wasn't much difference; he was everything that we have read about him over the last week since his untimely death.

Bill Faust was a unique, complex man. He was kind, thoughtful, caring, unassuming, witty. My association with him was a truly enriching experience.

It is impossible to even begin to know the number of people that, over the years, Bill helped in his quiet way. That was also the manner in which he worked. While other politicians sought to bask in the limelight, Bill worked quietly, yet very effectively. I remember several times when he came up with ideas for various bills, which, after they were drawn up, he gave to other Senators to help them out.

Bill Faust was a good family man as well. He dearly loved his father, who was also his close friend, and it was a tremendous blow to him when, in the late 1970s, his dad suffered a stroke while the two were vacationing together up north. When his father was able to leave the hospital, Bill found him a good nursing facility in Howell. I think that, in all the years prior to his father's passing in 1989, Bill missed visiting his father only four or five times.

About every other Sunday, I would drive to Howell with Bill. As his father improved, we were often able to take him out for lunch or dinner. Although the stroke had left his father unable to speak, Bill would talk to him and tell him about that past week's activities and those which lay ahead. We would sit in the car by the river in a local park. Later, as we returned his father to the nursing home and said good-bye, I could see the torment in Bill's eyes as he again had to leave his father. They were very close.

Then there was the case of how Bill

came to be friends with my pen-pal Joseph from Poland, whom I had been writing since my student days at Orchard Lake College. Bill was a real WWI buff, and was particularly fascinated by the "Red Baron" – flying ace Baron von Richthoffen. One day, when I was visiting the Senator, he began telling me all about his collection, but he complained that he was stymied in getting information on the "Red Baron." He told me that, if he could only get this information, his study of the famous flyer would be nearly complete. During the conversation, he mentioned that his idol was buried in a Polish town just north of Krakow. I asked him the name of the town, and, when he told me what it was, I responded that it was the same town in which my pen-pal lived. My Lord! If you could have seen the Senator's eyes light up and the expression on his face! (Remember, Poland was still a Communist country, so information on such matters was often hard to obtain.)

Bill asked me if I would write my friend and inquire as to whether he might know something of the Red Baron. I did, and Joseph said that he would be glad to help. When Bill began to receive his long-desired information from my friend, he would always call me and let me know how "marvelous" it was. In time, the Senator also became good friends with Joseph and, in 1988, paid for Joseph's plane ticket to come to the States. The two of us were able to meet our pen-pal at long last. Joseph then relocated to Chicago, where he brought his wife and children from Poland.

It has been said so many times now what a loss we have suffered with Bill Faust's death, and I agree. We have lost a great Senator, not only for our district, but for our state. But the loss came earlier than Bill's passing; it came when he decided not to seek reelection. Not many know that, during the last four years, Bill lived in severe pain from an auto accident which occurred in Lansing in 1991. His car was "broad-sided" in the accident, and he suffered neck injuries which tormented him almost daily. Yet he continued on in his remarkable way.

As I sat in the Lansing church for his service, I reflected over the 26 years of our friendship. As I went up for communion, I passed his casket, placed my hand on the side, and thanked him, then said good-bye to my dear friend.

In closing, I would like to reiterate what Bill Kandler, former Secretary of the Senate, told the gathered mourners: "We who sit here today and knew Senator Faust might feel that we have been cheated through his death. However it is not us who have been cheated, but those who were never able to know this great man, our friend Bill Faust."

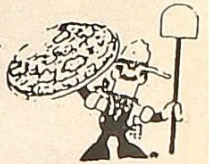
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Whichello Is Chamber's 15th Annual Person of the Year

By *Karan Cantrell*

At the January 18 meeting of the Romulus Rotary Club, member Harlan D. Whichello learned that he had been chosen as the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce 15th Annual Person of the Year.

Informing Whichello of the honor awarded him were Chamber president Gary Sampson (owner of Adventure Travel Service in Belleville) and three members of the Chamber's Person of the Year Committee - Chairman Mark Lewkowicz (Chamber second vice-president and owner of Landis Machine Shop in Romulus), Jason Lovette (Chamber treasurer and fourth Person of the Year), and Larry Williams (Chamber director and owner of Precision Hardware in Romulus).

Whichello is the owner and CEO of Belleville Die Shop, Inc., which has been located in Romulus since the 1970s.

The Person of the Year Committee - which also includes Chamber first vice-president, Dave Paul (Building Department Director for the City of Romulus), and Bill Simonds, who was the Chamber's first Person of the Year - selected Whichello from among numerous other people nominated by the public because of his complete dedication and service to this community. By performing a tremendous amount of volunteer work, Whichello truly gives of himself to accomplish what needs to be done.

Whichello will be honored at the Chamber's annual Awards Dinner/Dance, to be held at the Royce Hotel on Friday, March 24. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. (open bar), followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m., an award ceremony at 8:30 p.m., and dancing after the ceremony. Anyone wishing to join in this event honoring one of our community's finest members can reserve a seat by paying the \$30-per-person donation to the Chamber by March 16.

Harlan D. Whichello was born on June 25, 1945. He received his diploma from Belleville High School, attended Michigan State University, and received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Cleary College. He and his wife Sharon have two daughters: Laura, a junior in college, and Erica, a junior in high school.

Over the years, Whichello has been connected with the following community organizations:

- Romulus Rotary (member since 1979; held all offices in club, including president; District governor's representative, 1990-1993; District chairman, Rotary International Service, 1994-1995; member, District 6400 Group Study Exchange, since 1989; nominated by Romulus club for District governor, 1997-1998),
- Romulus Economic Development Corporation (member since 1983; vice-president, 1989-1993; president since 1993),
- Tax Increment Finance Authority (member since its inception; vice-president since 1990), and
- Huron Valley Girl Scout Council (member, board of directors, since 1991; chairman of finance committee since 1992). □

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For over a year now my company, Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc., (EDS) has been locked in a legal dispute with the City of Romulus over the zoning of property on which we previously constructed a deep disposal well. The property is zoned M-1, it was zoned M-1 when we first approached the City in 1990 and it was zoned M-1 when in the summer of 1993, the City issued site permits for city water, electrical and a construction trailer so we could drill our well. In October of 1993, just two weeks before the municipal election, the City filed a lawsuit charging that our property wasn't properly zoned. After three years of meetings and letters between the City Fathers and us, after the City Attorney had written three legal opinions which said the City had no control over the project and after we had drilled the well, the City suddenly changed its position and said that the zoning was wrong.

Presently, there is no end in sight. An incorrect, retroactive application of the City's zoning laws wasn't what we expected. In fact, this is what we worked so hard with the City to avoid. When we approached the City in 1990 we felt our project would develop into a good business, one which would provide substantial benefits to the community as well. A sizable royalty, increased tax revenues, and jobs were anticipated for the City as a result of the well business. The royalty could be used to reduce your property taxes or to finance up to ten million dollars in bonds for a new recreation center, sewer projects, etc. Three years later, after we had already spent over \$2 million on the well project, the relationship took a major turn for the worse.

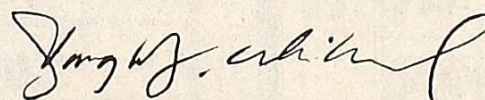
Why did this happen? Why would the Mayor and Council reverse themselves on a well project that was much too far along to stop? Not because the project itself had changed. The change came about because a small group of people came to see it as something it never was. Something to be feared. Not because they suddenly understood it, but because they didn't.

So where do we stand? The City and EDS have spent nearly a million dollars on lawyers, money which could have been used to benefit the community. The City has already thrown away nearly \$400,000 on the current lawsuit and the costs are continuing to mount at a horrible pace. For what? This has gone on long enough. The majority of voters feel the same way. When 70% of the voters rejected the "Environmental Protection Fund" millage last June, it sent a clear message to the Council and the Mayor. But they closed their eyes to it, just as they are closing their eyes to the City's budget and the City's coming bankruptcy as a result of the fight. The voters want a return to sanity by settling the lawsuit before it goes any further. EDS has always been prepared to sit down and work this out. Three members of the Council also want the matter settled. Unfortunately, there is a slim majority of councilpersons who continue to be bound by the fear of those who don't want to understand our project. Taxpayers who don't want to risk everything should fight the council's blind support of the lawsuit.

Statements that EDS is unwilling to resolve the dispute are wrong. With our huge investment in the well, we intend to be part of the business community in Romulus for years to come. We have always wanted a straightforward relationship with this City. We, together with a minority of Council members, want to sit down and deal with the real issues and not be distracted by all the hysteria generated by those who refuse to listen to the facts.

The Council's decision to break off settlement negotiations is deeply disappointing. It flies in the face of logic and clearly identifies that the Council is blind to the wishes of the people. Unfortunately, we are now forced to consider alternative approaches that will be more expensive for the City. We simply have no choice. Our employees and our investors cannot remain hostage to such an unreasonable attitude. We are writing to let you know that we have tried to be reasonable and must now escalate the fight.

It is important for you to remember that this is not a fight that we wanted. It is being caused by the Mayor and four members of the Romulus City Council, none of whom are willing to act responsibly and take a role in resolving this issue. We know many of you in the community, whom we regard as friends. The actions we are about to take are taken out of necessity. Should the opportunity present itself to resolve this dispute, we remain open to it.



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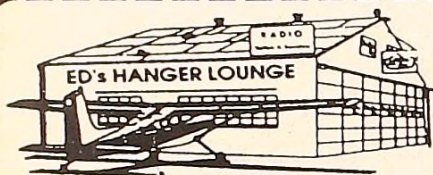
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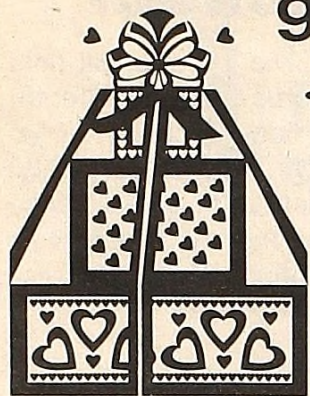
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- **Cabaret le Femme** – The Huron Civic Theatre will present *Cabaret le Femme*, an all-female musical review to be performed in a unique and intimate cabaret setting, on Saturday, February 4, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, February 5, at 3 p.m. All tickets are \$5. For more information, call the Huron Civic Auditorium (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston) at 782-5380 or 654-0167.
- **Romulus Little League Registration** – Registration for the 1995 Romulus Little League program will take place on February 7 and March 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins), and on February 18 and February 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at K-mart (Goddard & Telegraph). (Registering at K-mart offers the advantage of free prizes, 20% off baseball shoes, and kickbacks to the League.) For information, call Mark (729-7156) or Julie (941-6797).
- **"Elder Care: When Love Gets Tough"** – A panel of experts in elder care will be addressing the Women's Economic Club on "Challenges and Choice: When Love Gets Tough" at the University Cultural Center, Michigan Cancer Foundations (110 East Warren) on Wednesday, February 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Reservations (\$10) available to the public; free for WEC members. Call (313) 963-5088.
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- **Valentine's Dance** – The Ladies Auxiliary of Romulus VFW Post #9568 is inviting the public to attend a Valentine's Dance to be held at the VFW Hall (39270 Huron River Drive, Romulus) on Saturday, February 11, from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Music will be provided by disc jockey Mickey Dee. Tickets (\$5 each; includes beer & setups) will be available at the door. Profits from the event will go to National Home.
- **Mother/Son Valentine's Dance** – The Romulus Recreation Department's annual Mother/Son Valentine's Dance is set for Wednesday, February 15, at Romulus Middle School (37300 Wick Road). A ticket cost of \$7 per couple, with \$2 for each additional son, covers music, refreshments, one picture, and a flower for Mom (or Grandma, Auntie, or Big Sister). Preregistration (at the Recreation Office, 36515 Bibbins) and ticket purchase (cash only) is required no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8; tickets will not be sold at the door. For more information, call the Recreation Office (942-6852).
- **Spaghetti Social** – Romulus Little League Baseball would like to invite the public to its first annual "Spaghetti Social" fund-raiser, to be held at VFW Hall (located across from Kelsey-Hayes at 39270 Huron River Drive, Romulus) on Friday, February 17, from 4 to 8 p.m. For tickets (adults – \$4; ages six to 12 – \$2; five and under free), call Debbie (942-9261) or Pattie (729-7156).

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Offering as many wonderful ideas as its predecessor, *1001 Ways To Be Romantic*, is the ultimate Valentine's Day gift for the "romantically impaired": *1001 More Ways To Be Romantic*.

The first book is subtitled "A Handbook for Men – A Godsend to Women"; the second is subtitled "For Those Who Just Can't Get Enough of a Good Thing!"

Each book is a numbered listing of creative, unusual, and loving gifts and gestures – all designed to help keep the flame of passion burning brightly in your romantic relationship. *1001 Ways* has been described as "an inspirational guide, an incredible resource, a helpful handbook, a kick-in-the-pants!"

Author/lecturer/newlywed Gregory J.P. Godek has been described as a "thirtysomething Leo Buscaglia." Indeed, Godek's style is intense, fast-paced, and passionate. His uniqueness comes from the incredible wealth of specific and practical advice he shares with audiences and readers.

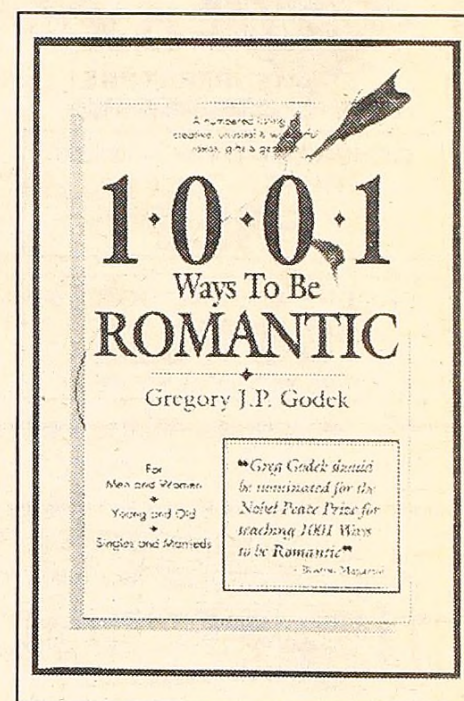
Here's a sampling:

- #327: Have a personalized street sign made. (Call 708-446-0055.)
- #87: Order Godiva chocolates by phone! (Call 800-447-9393.)
- #668: Copy your face (or other body parts) on a copy machine. Mail it to her with a funny note.
- #316: Write "I love you" on the bathroom mirror with a piece of soap.
- #864: Order flowers nationwide, 24 hours a day, toll free. (Call 800-SEND-FTD.)

In addition to providing specific gift suggestions, the books help readers learn to generate their *own* romantic ideas. The books are easy to read, too, as each numbered item is concise and cleverly written. Both books are illustrated with syndicated comic strips (including Peanuts, Blondie, B.C., and Cathy) for a light-hearted look at relationships.

Why are these books so popular?

"I think that women crave intimacy and men crave passion. When you put intimacy and passion together, you get romance!" observes Godek. "The world doesn't need yet another advice book offering the latest psychological cure-



all. We also don't need another 'cute' book on *love* – which men would never read anyway!

"What people do need – and keep asking for – is a return to the basics: good old-fashioned romance (with appropriate updates for the modern world, of course!)."

What's Godek's latest project? A book of true-life love stories – and he wants *you* to be included in it!

"I was inspired by the great romantic stories that people have been telling me when I do radio call-in shows," Godek says. "Some of these stories are included in *1001 More Ways*, but there were too many to use! So now I'm looking for even *more* stories – stories about how people met, how they got engaged, unusual wedding stories, creative gifts that were given, and wonderful romantic gestures that were made." Send your love story to P.O. Box 226, Weymouth, MA 02188.

For those who are in need of a romantic jump-start or a romantic gift for Valentine's Day, you can find *1001 Ways* and *1001 More Ways* at area Waldenbooks, B. Dalton, and Crown bookstores, as well as in many gift shops, or, if you prefer, you can order them directly from the publisher by calling toll-free, 800-444-2524. □

Library To Close Temporarily

The Romulus Public Library, which had been temporarily located at Mt. Pleasant School while renovation and asbestos-removal work was done at the Library and Romulus City Hall, will close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, in order to begin its move back to the Library building (11121 South Wayne Road near Goddard).

The Library will again open its doors to the public on Monday, February 27.

Anyone wishing to return books during the three-week closure may do so by dropping them off in the drop box at the Library building.

Questions? Please contact the Library at 941-7369. □

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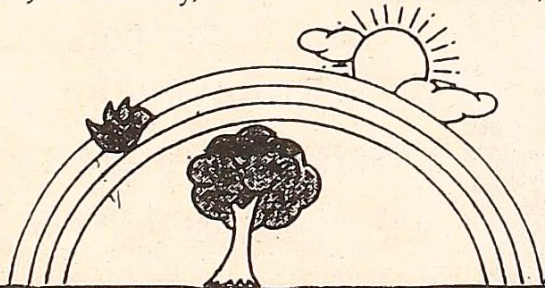
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Black History Month: A Case for Celebration

By Karen Williams

At the core of Black History Month, beyond glorifying Black feats and heroes portrayed in colorful magazine ads or television specials, is a call for African-Americans to reclaim traditional African values and instill them in the minds and hearts of our children. Yet, sadly, for a short 28 days in February, many African-Americans have either become apathetic, too smug, or even afraid of trying to affirm their Blackness at a time when it's most accepted.

But, knowing that openly exhibiting and embracing "Blackness" is a beautiful lifetime commitment, I'm afraid that those in my cultural/ethnic group who don't share this credo, or those outside it who try to thwart my right to celebrate my diversity, may be unwittingly paving a rocky road for their children.

An African proverb correctly states that it takes an entire community to raise a child. Yet, in adopting "US versus THEM" or "WE are afraid of/intimidated by THEM" mind-sets, many of us have "lost the translation," trading community need for cohesion for either staunch individualism or color/culture blindness — two destructive forms of over-assimilation. As a result, the price we've paid for "progress" has become dangerously expensive.

Thus, during Black History Month, we should be all-the-more aware that shaping lives, legacies, and communities is a 365-day-a-year process — one that can be enriched by adopting the Nguzo Saba (N-goo-zo Sa-ba), the key to reaching our goal.

The Nguzo Saba, a seven-tiered African-centered value system developed by California educator Ron Karenga, has given African-Americans definitive ways to foster community since 1966. Non-African-Americans can benefit from Karenga's prescription, too. If followed, it can enrich the lives of anyone who espouses it.

To follow are seven steps you can take to foster healthy values-development in your family and neighborhood.

- Try to arrange regular family outings to appropriate ethnic and culture-specific activities at least once a month, and watch love of "Family/Group Unity" sprout before you. Plus, taking in events designed for other ethnic/cultural groups helps foster appreciation of diversity, too.
- Help your children define and plan short- and long-term goals with your support and confidence. Help them to appreciate their unique cultural legacy. Encourage them to be independent doers and thinkers, and see "Self-determination" shine in their eyes.

- Give your children household chores that they can do individually and together. Offer praise for a job well done. Show them constructive ways to better be efficient and responsible in carrying out their duties. Encourage appreciation of "Collective Work and Responsibility" within your children to make your home and children sparkle.
- Enroll your children in Junior Achievement or other available age-appropriate entrepreneurship programs and help them profit from learning about the principles of "Cooperative Economics."
- Teach your children to do their best always. Give them incentives. Tell them, "Yes, They Can!" because they have ability and power. Tell them repeatedly that they are special, and observe "Purpose" flowering within them.
- Teach your children to appreciate art, literature, quality entertainment, and music. Let them take creative classes. Keep them active and busy, and watch the spirit of "Creativity" grow within them.
- Explain to them that there is no victory without struggle. Instill spiritual principles in them. Encourage creative problem-solving. Teach them the importance of being positive, persistent, and dedicated to important causes, and watch seeds of "Faith" grow within them.

When it seems that ethnic intolerance, nonappreciation of diversity, and a decline in embracing positive values seems to be increasing, a more wholistic healing in our country is all the more needed. If we work diligently to show ourselves first, and the world second, just how much we love and respect ourselves and our diversity, then, ultimately, we will witness the thriving of America through self-enlightenment and the eyes and efforts of our children. □

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February is Black History Month



During Black History Month, we're saluting the noteworthy accomplishments of African-Americans throughout our nation's history, from brilliant breakthrough inventions and staunch leadership to remarkable achievements in the arts and commercial successes, which have contributed so much to the fabric of our American culture.

Join in the celebration of African-American accomplishments, culture and pride, this month and every month.

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REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 9, 1995

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, January 9, 1995 was called to order by President Sandra F. Langley at 7:35 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Sandra F. Langley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested the Agenda be amended to include Item H. 1. "Drug Testing Policy".

1/95/1 Moved by Kesner supported by Patterson to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1/95/2 Moved by Berlinn supported by Patterson to approve the minutes of December 12, 1994 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND EXPRESSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Various members of the audience asked questions and voiced concerns to the Board of Education.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, recommended the following personnel actions for Board approval: Termination - Brenda Penn, Bus Aide, Effective December 8, 1994 and John Hilton, Custodian, Effective January 9, 1995.

1/95/3 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner to approve the personnel actions as recommended by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

1/95/4 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner to approve the Bills for Payment as recommended by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Final Payment - Greiner

1/95/5 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner to accept the recommendation of Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and approve the final payment to Greiner, Inc. in the amount of \$75,000 to be charged to the 1990 Bond Issue. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Declaration of Surplus Equipment

1/95/6 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the recommendation of Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, and declare the attached list as surplus equipment and authorize the Business Office to offer it for sale. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MEAP Report

Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, presented graphs and explained the MEAP analysis. Dr. William M. Bedell and Mr. Arthur McPharlin also explained the MEAP scores. Mrs. Sandra F. Langley, President, suggested that we schedule a Special Meeting to discuss MEAP.

The Board of Education recessed at 9:10 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:20 P.M.

Gun-free Schools

1/95/7 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Patterson to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the attached Resolution prepared by the School District attorney to bring our Student Code of Conduct into compliance with State and Federal Law. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Field Trip - Barth Elementary School

1/95/8 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner to approve the proposed trip to Lansing, Michigan by the Barth Elementary School Safety Patrol and Student Council members. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Elementary Tuition-based Foreign Language Proposal

1/95/9 Moved by Patterson supported by Oleszkowicz to authorize One World Foundation to utilize classrooms in all elementary schools for its after-school Language Odyssey Program.

1/95/10 Moved by Gondek supported by Hoffman that the above agenda item be tabled. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Drug-free Policy

1/95/11 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Kesner to adopt the Administrative procedures for implementation of the District's Random Drug and Alcohol Testing policy. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

The following items of interest were offered for the Board's perusal: 1) Parent Letter - MEAP and 2) MASB Mid-Winter Conference.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Judie A. Gondek raised a question about state-required 900 hours for high school instruction and also testing of the dual enrollment policy. Dr. LeCesne responded.

Executive Session

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

1/95/12 Moved by Gondek supported by Patterson that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

December's "Students of the Month" Honored at RHS, RMS

By Daniel Hurst, principal, Romulus Middle School

Teachers selected a total of 84 Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School students for December's "Student of the Month" honors because of the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance during that time period. Students attending a January 18, 1995 ceremony recognizing their achievement received a certificate and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the following students for their fine efforts: Signora Armstrong, Monica Atherton, Tracy Blizman, Tomeka Boles, Kimberly Bolus, Paul Boslet, Tamekia Brown, Yolanda Buffington, Wanakee Burke, Andrew Carter, Monique Chadwick, Timothy Chilcutt, Brandy Clark, Jason Clark, Andrea Coate, Gloria Co-field, Nathan Devine, Jonathan Estes, Tiffany Faison, Ross Filek, Danielle Franklin, Brandon Gomes, Heather Goniea, Adam Hall, Amanda Harden, Stephen Harper, Jermain Henley, Amanda Hislop, Gary Hoch, Danielle Judy, Wendy Kelsey, Shantia Kendrick, Theodore Kesner, Rachel Kolar, Amanda Kozlowski, Bettina Kreimer, Rachel Laskaska, Brandi Leininger, Amber Long, Julius Long, Nicole Low, Jaime Luczak, Stacey Luczak, Nicole Maskell, LaTanya Massey, Kimberly Mientkiewicz, Yoruba Mitchell, Candice Montgomery, April Morones, Brandon Moss, JoAna Moton, David Necker, Wendy Newton, Jennifer Nieman, Jessica Nieman, Jilliane Oller, Laura Olson, Autumn Pattenau, Kewan Proctor, Deanna Proost, Anthony Reed, Christopher Reed, Erica Reed, Jenine Ruffin, Fred Russell, Nicole Sharp, John Shelley, Leslie Slone, Scott Smith, Catherine Sprinkle, Michelle Sprinkle, Antoine Stoudmire (Athlete),

James Taylor, Mario Thomason, Brian Tomchick, Randy Troutt, Christina Wands, David Wells, Melanie Wilhide, Amanda Williams, Jill Williams, Maurice Woods, Rahman Woods, Sarah Zilka.

I would also like to thank the following sponsors for being our partners in education for the month of December: American Photocopy; B & E Machine Products; Belleville Die Shop; Bill Jones Enterprises, Inc.; Burlington Air Express; C & C Trailer Service; Chem/Central Detroit; Crane Funeral Home; Crova GMC Trucks; Dale Kennedy Whse., Inc.; Daly Drive-In; Detroit Air Transport Local Lodge #141; Edgewood Manufacturing; Elkins Machine & Tool; Environ, Inc.; Form Flow, Inc.; Gandol, Inc.; G.M. Powertrain; Graduate Services; H & J Manufacturing Co.; Header Products; Rhonda Hennessy, D.D.S.; Horizon Enterprises; Kelsey-Hayes Company; Kevin's Painting, Drywall & Plaster Repair; Mr. Lance Knudson; Landing Strip Lounge; Lasting Images; Lear Seating Corporation; Mayor Beverly McAnally; McDonald's Restaurant; Omnicom Cablevision; Precision Hardware, Inc.; Romulus Adolescent Health Center; Romulus Athletic Department (sponsor of the Athlete of the Month); Romulus Auto Supply; Romulus Community Schools Central Office administrators; Romulus Education Association; Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School staff; Romulus Progressive Club; Romulus secondary school administrators; Kundan Sata, D.D.S.; Saw & Specialty Corporation; Sigma Tau Service Club; St. Lawrence, Inc.; Stears True Value Hardware; Total Petroleum, Inc.; Trans-Overseas Corporation; United Brass Manufacturers, Inc.; Veterans of Foreign Wars-Romulus Post #9568; Westlane Industries (Kean Manufacturing Corp.); and Windiate Hardware. □

Barth's Best Are Spelling Bee-yootifully

On January 25, the 20 top spellers at Barth Elementary School competed to see who was the best of the best in their annual School Spelling Bee.

Kendal Duncan took the top honors by spelling "agreement," which stumped runnerup Monica Watson, then spelling two more words to complete her victory. The two girls were well matched, with each demonstrating masterful spelling skills by going head to head for 14 faultless rounds in the final competition before Kendal emerged the winner.

Following is a list of the other students who participated in the Barth

School Spelling Bee, in order of elimination, by round and word misspelled: Chris DeFelice (1, blunder), Melissa Thornton (1, threat), Chris Rocker (2, rocket), Carla M. Harris (2, anchor), Dayna Peters (2, inquire), Antonio Evans (3, reply), Kyle Bokor (4, hydrogen), Amanda Youtsey (4, chimneys), David Schonscheck (4, bakeries), Deana Hunter (4, chemical), Jillian Reno (5, stitches), Jennell Harper (7, grease), Brandon J. Olson (11, sense), Carrie Spielman (12, clumsy), Marshal R. Hardt (12, service), Angel McKinney (13, daisy), Diana Oswald (13, arise), and Cortney Daniels (31, envied). □

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Hoffer, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

Please note: Call 942-6852 for more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center (36515 Bibbins).

Happy Birthday

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in February: Eva Baker, Betty Balcom, Frances Bredow, Laura Chesno, Ricky "Butch" Covertt, William Daniel, Bernice Davis, Grace Diller, Hazle Foust, Thelma Griffin, Adeline Hoerl, Ruth Murphy, Ida Noble, Julia Traskos, and Madeline Yearly.

Closed for the Holidays

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center will be closed Monday, February 13, in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, and on Monday, February 20, in honor of George Washington's birthday.

Tax Service Continues

Now through April 12, volunteers will be available (by appointment only) at the Center each Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. to assist low- and middle-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040, home heating, prescription, and property-tax forms. A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration.

9-pin Tap Bowling

Enjoy 9-pin Tap Bowling at the Romulus Bowling Alley on Wednesday, February 15. The \$8 per-person cost includes jackpots, "high" and "mystery" games, donuts, and coffee. Preregister at the Center.

Lunch Out

Ride the Romulus Senior Center's van to share a delicious Mountain Jack's lunch with old and new friends on Friday, February 17. Transportation is just \$1.50; cost of lunch extra. Sign up at the Center.

Potluck

The Center's spectacular chefs will be serving roast beef at the monthly potluck, to be held Tuesday, February 21, at the Center. Bring a dish and bring a friend.

Dinner/Theater

Two dinner/theater trips have been planned for this month. The first, on February 10, will feature dinner (own cost) at Bill Knapp's, followed by a pro-

duction of *Hot Property* at the Trenton Theater (tickets: \$5; cost of transportation: \$1.50); the second - a trip to Marshall, Michigan, for dinner and a production of *The Queen of Bingo* - is set for February 24 (total cost: \$40). Sign up at the Center.

Shopping Trip

For a transportation fee of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at the Belleville Meijer store on Friday, February 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sign up at the Center.

Paczke Day!

Make the most of "Fat Tuesday" by dropping in at the Center between 8:30 and 10 a.m. on February 28 for a delicious paczke ("poonchkey") and coffee. (The refreshments are free, but be sure to call at least one day ahead and let the Center know that you will be coming by so that they can be sure to have enough for everyone.) Don't miss this last chance to indulge yourself before Lent!

Pinochle Tournament

The sign-up sheet is already out for those who would like to register to participate in the Senior Center's upcoming Pinochle Tournament, to be held on Thursday, March 9, at 12:30 p.m. A \$1 per-person fee will cover prizes and light refreshments.

Attention: Walkers!

The Romulus Senior Center is again transporting interested senior citizens to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for an indoor, move-at-your-own pace walk program. Transportation for participants in the free Wednesday-morning sessions departs from the Center at 9 a.m. and returns at 10:30 a.m.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinochle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); euchre (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and/or quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

Hot Lunch

For only \$1.50, Romulus senior citizens (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Romulus Senior Center every weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call Pat (942-6852) at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation. (For more information on home delivery, please call 1-800-851-1454.) □

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BELLEVILLE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 11900 Belleville Rd. / Belleville / 697-8687 / Rev. Deborah Vanleuven Kerr, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. / Craft Circle - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. / Women's Association Meeting - 2nd Tuesday of some months - 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH - 34584 Beverly Rd. / 729-4240 / Elder Reginald Williams, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH - 30055 Ecorse Rd. / 728-1845

BETHANY CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - 35737 Vinewood / 326-0810 / Robert L. Gordon, Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

BEVERLY HOUSE OF GOD CHURCH - 34156 Beverly Rd. / 729-6440 / Dr. Lovell Wooden, Sr., Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. / Thursday Prayer Service - 12 p.m. / Thursday Choir Rehearsal - 6 p.m. / Thursday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. / Free Transportation - Call 729-6440

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - 11338 Ozga Rd. / 941-0236 / Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Adult Bible Study - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST - 9426 S. Wayne Rd. / Office: 721-2585 / Phil Morr, Evangelist / Sunday Bible Study - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Evening Worship - 7 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH - 6200 Fourth St. / 729-0630 / 419-727-0631 / Rev. Hiram McBurrowst, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 11160 Olive St. / 941-3474 / Brad Lewis, Pastor / 941-0736 / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

FAITH HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH - Oakbrooke Villa Club House / 30251 Elm Street (1 Block South of Eureka) / Rev. Earl W. Ellison, Sr., Pastor / 941-4855 or 721-8489 / Sunday School - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - 870 Savage Rd. / Belleville / 699-6700 / Kenneth W. Miller, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Family Night - 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 11412 Delano St. / 941-0225

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH - 19101 Inkster Rd. / Brownstown / 782-1220 / Sunday Morning Worship - 10 a.m. / Adult Bible Study and Sunday School - 11:30 a.m. / Nursery available / Active Drama Team

MARTIN TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - 6566 S. Wayne Rd. / 326-1270 / Elder Edward Thomas, Jr., Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Worship - 12:00 p.m. / Sunday Evening Y.P.W.W. - 6:30 p.m. / Prayer and Bible Study - Tuesday, 7 p.m. / Friday Worship Service - 7 p.m.

MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH - 35565 Beverly Rd. / 729-2460 / James Thompson, Pastor / 531-1285 / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

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PARKS MEMORIAL A.M.E. - 11547 Grover St. / 941-0771 / Rev. Jeffery Baker, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 6 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH - 35625 Vinewood St. / 728-1390 / Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Pastor / 548-5954 / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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Jordan was born in Henry Ford Hospital (Detroit, MI) at 5:47 a.m. on Sunday, June 5, 1994. At birth, Jordan weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 20½ inches.

Lynette Frayer (Romulus, MI) is Jordan's paternal grandmother; his maternal grandparents are Charles and Brenda Sharrow (Romulus, MI). □



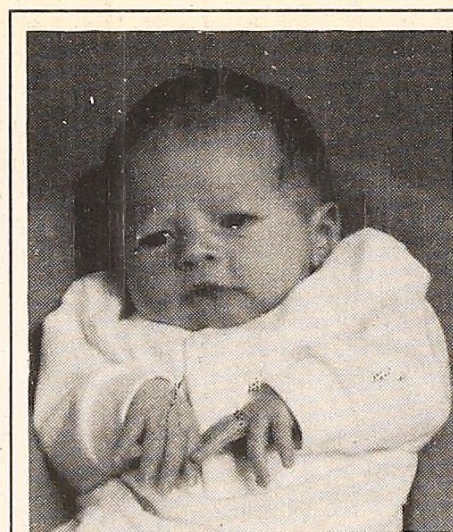
Zachary Scott Yax

Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Zachary Scott Yax, are Scott Yax and Sheila (Potter) Gubaci of Romulus, Michigan.

Zachary was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 12:36 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 1994, weighing in at seven pounds, 10 ounces, and measuring 20¼ inches.

Especially excited about Zachary's arrival was his big sister, Miranda Gubaci, who is four years old.

Zachary's paternal grandparents are Duane Yax (Clarkston, MI) and Bonnie Yax (Lake Orion, MI); Jim and Maxine Potter (Romulus, MI) are his maternal grandparents. □



District Needs Sub Bus Drivers

Romulus Community Schools transportation officials are facing a serious shortage of substitute bus aide/drivers due to movement of current drivers to other job openings within and outside the School District. Despite "drivers wanted" ads in local newspapers, the District has not received its usual flood of job applicants.

"It's almost gotten to the point of desperation," said Norm McLenon, transportation supervisor. "We can use at least four sub-drivers now and more later as some other drivers contemplate retirement."

Assistant superintendent Dr. Ter-

rel LeCesne, whose office processes job applications, says that the current situation is very unusual. "We usually get four to six applicants for every job we post, but, in this instance, we have none. Maybe it's a sign of the times, but these are not minimum-wage jobs here; a sub aide/driver makes from \$5.50 to \$11.38 per hour to start."

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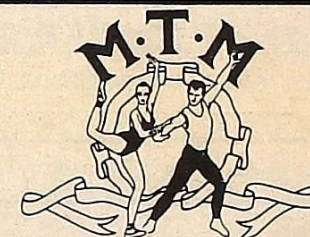
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